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FOR: TAXONOMIC IDENTIFICATION OF PATHOGENIC
MICROORGANISMS AND THEIR PROTEINS

GROUP ART UNIT: 1648

EXAMINER: ZACHARIAH LUCAS

ELECTION OF SPECIES

January 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's request for an election of species, mailed December 16, 2004, Applicants respond as follows:

Applicants elect Invention II - Claims 1-13, former claims 38-50, drawn to methods of taxonomic identification of a virus, classified in class 435, subclass 5.

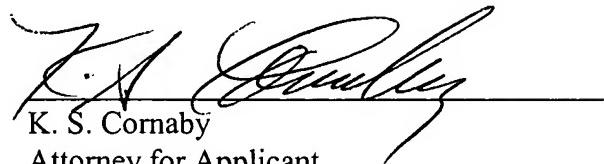
Applicants further elect restriction to invention (iv) a peptide specific for an outer membrane protein; and

Applicants elect the following species: (a) the claimed method wherein the separation of

the bound ligand from the excess ligand is through chromatography.

Should the Examiner require further clarification, he is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney collect at (801) 521-3200.

Respectfully submitted,

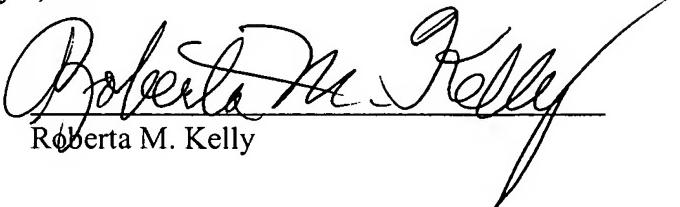


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